

1854  
Scarbrough  
**AMICABLE SOCIETY,**

Instituted MARCH the 26th. 1729. [Rules]

By VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION,

For Cloathing and educating the CHILDREN of the  
POOR of SCARBOROUGH.

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*Terms of Admission.*

1. **I**T is agreed, that every Person, at his Admission into this Society, shall pay, or cause to be paid, to the President, the Sum of Five Shillings; and after such Admission, Two pence per Week to the Fund, and also a Forfeiture of two Pence for Non-attendance at every weekly Meeting (Sickness or Absence from home excepted.)
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*Weekly Meetings.*

2. **T**HAT there shall be a Meeting of the Members of this Society on the Monday in every Week, at the Hours of Six in the Evening in the Winter, and Seven in the Summer, at the House of each Publican (in Rotation) who is a Member. —The Summer Meetings to commence the first Monday after Lady-Day—The Winter, the first Monday after Michaelmas, and no Business relative to this Society except the Admission of a new Member shall be determined the same Night

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Night it is proposed; but it shall be first signified in Writing to each Member, and to be determined by a Majority of Votes at the next Meeting; and all Business to be transacted between the hours of Six and Ten in the Winter, and Seven and Ten in the Summer. Ladies allowed to vote by proxy, sending their Vote in writing to the President.

*Election of President, Trustees, and wardens.*

3. **T**HAT upon every anniversary Feast-Day, to be held on the first Wednesday in January, there shall be a Meeting of the Membdes at the House appointed, to precede the Children to Church; and, at their Return, the four Trustees for the Time being shall each nominate three Persons, from which Number four Trustees shall be elected for the ensuing Year, by a Majority of Members then present. This done, the President shall nominate four, from whom his Successor shall be elected by a Majority of the same Meeting (the President in all Cases having a casting Vote ) after which, four Wardens, for the ensuing Year, shall be elected out of eight Members nominated by the President.

*Proposing of Members.*

4. **T**hat no Person shall be admitted a Member of this Society without the Consent of a Majority of the Members present when proposed.

*Disorderly Behaviour.*

5. **T**hat every Member who shall curse, swear talk obscenely, or behave disorderly, at any Meeting of this



this Society, shall forfeit Twopence for every such offence.

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*Determination of Differences.*

6. That all Differences or Disputes arising in, and relative to this Society, ( where there is no express Rule or order to determine the same ) shall be determined by a majority of Members then present.

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*President accountable.*

7. That the President shall be accountable to the Society, at the End of every Quarter, for all the Money he shall receive, and also for the Interest-Money when due on the several Bonds, if he neglects to demand and prosecute for the same, after having received Orders for such Prosecution from the Society,

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*Trustees to keep the Securities.*

8. That the new Trustees shall keep the Securities belonging to the Society, for which they shall be accountable to their Successors; and that all new Securities be taken in the Name of the President for the Time being; and that the Monies to be let to Interest shall be upon such Securities as he and a Majority of the Trustees shall think proper, provided they are not upon less than double Bonds.

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*Duty of Wardens.*

9. That Samples of the Articles of the Children's Clothing shall, once in every Year, be sent by the Wardens,

Wardens, immediately after their Election, to the Tradesmen of the Town; and that the Tradesmen be desired to send in their Proposals in Writing (sealed up) on or before the Twentieth of January, and the Contract shall be made on the lowest Proposals, respect being had to the Quality, and Preference to be given to any Member of this Society, where Terms are equal to the lowest. — The Wardens shall deliver the Articles to be made, as soon as received, to those Persons whose Proposals are the lowest, Preference being given as above. — Each Boy shall have his new Cloathing at Midsummer, viz. a Cap, Coat, Waistcoat, and Breeches, one Pair of Shoes, one Pair of Stockings, one Band, and one Shirt; also one Pair of Shoes, and one Pair of Stockings at Martinmas and Candlemas each; and one Shirt and one Band at Christmas. — Each Girl shall have new Cloathing at Midsummer, viz. one Hat, one Gown, two Petticoats, one the same as the Gown, the other a flannel under Petticoat, one white Apron, one plain white Cap, one Whisk, one Shift, one Pair of shoes, and one Pair of Stockings, — And also one Pair of Shoes and one Pair of Stockings more at Martinmas; a Shift, a Cap, a Whisk, and a check'd Apron at Christmas; and one Pair of Shoes, and one Pair of Stockings at Candlemas, and Leather Stays as often as necessary. Also a Canvas Bag shall be provided for each Boy and Girl, for the Purpose of keeping their best Cloaths; which are to be given to the Care of the Master and Mistress every Monday Morning, and by them delivered to each respective Boy and Girl on the Saturday, that they may be wore on Sundays only; and when any Child shall be withdrawn, the Bag is to be left in the School for a Successor. — Each Boy and Girl shall be furnished with a Bible, and a Common Prayer-Book with the new version of Psalms; and no Books shall be bought for their Use untill the Master or Mistress give Notice to the Wardens, in order to examine the old and

and choose new ones. — One of the Wardens shall attend the School weekly ( in Rotation ) to inspect the Progress the Boys make in their Learning; and to attend the Society, the first Monday in every Month, to receive the Children's Writing Books, to compare the old with the new ones, and to lay the same before the Meeting for the Inspection of the Members. — The Wardens shall deliver Notices in Writing to every Member who is above one Year in Arrear, and shall give timely Notice of the anniversary Dinner to the Members, and collect one Shilling from each towards defraying the Expence thereof; — The Innkeepers shall be paid One Shilling and Six pence each, for the Dinners of such a Number as the Wardens shall order. —

A Copy of this to be delivered to each Warden on their Election.

*Admission of Children.*

10. **T**hat when a Vacancy, for the Admission of a Child, happens in this Society, the President shall cause public Notice thereof to be given by the Bellman; and also signify to each Member, in Writing, the Name of the Child that may be offered, together with a Description of the Parents, on the Monday previous to the Election, to enable the Members to judge of the propriety of the Admission — no illegitimate Child being admissible into this Society. — The Eligibility of the Child to be voted by Card, and then proceed to the Election. — No Election to be made unless nine Members are present. — No Person shall have more than two Children in the Society at one Time; neither shall any be admitted under the Age of Six Years, or above Ten, and unless they have a legal Settlement at Scarborough.

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The Children of Dissenters are admissible, being Conformable to the Rules of the Established Church.

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*Children's Learning.*

11 **T**hat the Boys belonging to this Society be instructed in Reading, Writing, and Accompts — the Girls to read, knit, sew, and spin.

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*Restrictions of Parents,*

12. **T**hat every Child, admitted into this Society, previous to his being bound Apprentice, shall be first offered by the Parents to those Members, who are of such a Trade or Occupation as they think proper to make Choice of; and that no Application shall be made to any other Person until every respective Member of the Society have had the Preference, under Forfeiture of all their Apparel, Books, &c. — The Parents shall also give Notice to the Society, at a public Meeting, three Weeks at least before they withdraw them; and no Child shall be withdrawn from the School under 13 Years of Age; and also give a Promisory Note to the President for the Time being, to pay the Sum of Five Pounds, in Case they do not perform the same, — and the Person putting it into Execution shall be indemnified. — The Parents shall not convert or suffer to be converted, the Cloaths of any Child to any other Use but what was the primary Intention; neither shall they upon any Account interrupt the Schoolmaster in his Discipline, nor suffer their Children to beg, on Pain of forfeiting all their Apparel, Books, &c. and the Child be excluded the Society.

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*Members taking Apprentices.*

13. **T**hat no Child belonging this Society be bound  
Apprentice to any Member thereof, before such  
Member hath first paid off his Arrears, and also hath  
been a Member one Year, unless the Child hath been  
refused by the rest of the senior Members.

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*Re-admission of Members.*

14. **T**hat any Member, who shall have withdrawn  
from this Society, and is desirous of being re-  
admitted, may be proposed as a new Member, first pay-  
ing off his Arrears, or One Guinea in Lieu thereof, up-  
on being re-elected.

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*Report of the School-Mistress.*

15. **T**hat the School-Mistress send a Report in Wri-  
ting every Monday Night, to the Society at  
their Place of Meeting, of the Girls Behaviour and  
Attendance.

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*Procession of the Children, &c.*

16. **T**hat the Boys and Girls shall go in Procession  
to Church from their respective Schools, pre-  
ceded by their Teachers, and return in the same  
Order.—The Teachers are strictly to observe their  
Behaviour

behaviour at Church—They are also to attend, with the Children, the Funeral of each deceased Member; and Notices of Funerals are to be sent to each respective Member of the Society, as likewise the Funeral of each Child belonging the Society.

*Sermons.*

17. **T**hat four Charity Sermons shall be preached annually; two of them as soon as convenient in the new Year, and two in Summer, at such Times as the President shall think most proper.



